GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DESILTING OF DAMS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether water holding capacity of major, medium and minor dams of the country especially in Maharashtra has decreased due to large quantity of silt;

(b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any scheme to desilt such dams;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount allocated/released to State Governments during the last three years for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Siltation of reservoir is a natural process and this is duly addressed at the planning stage of the project. However, in some cases, the actual rate of sediment deposition has been found to be more than the one anticipated at the time of planning. The Government of Maharasthra has also reported similar features.

(b) & (c) De-silting of large reservoirs has been found to be far from viable on economic considerations. However, the Government of Maharashtra has taken up measures for removal of silt from village tank etc. under Employment Guarantee Scheme.

(d) No funds have been allocated by the Union Government to the State Governments for the purpose.